

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00345-RJL**

REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS
v. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION et al

Assigned to: Judge Richard J. Leon

Case: 1:15-cv-01392-RJL

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/14/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/14/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5333522) filed by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>6</u> Summons FBI Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons DOJ Summons, # <u>8</u> Summons US Attorney General Summons, # <u>9</u> Summons US Attorney Summons)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/14/2018)
02/14/2018	<u>2</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. Case related to Case No. 1:15-cv-01392. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/14/2018)
02/15/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Adam Alexander Marshall on behalf of REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Marshall, Adam) (Entered: 02/15/2018)
02/15/2018	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 02/15/2018)
02/15/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Richard J. Leon. (zsth) (Entered: 02/15/2018)
02/16/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jennifer Anne Nelson on behalf of REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Nelson, Jennifer) (Entered: 02/16/2018)
02/26/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/21/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/23/2018. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/26/2018)
02/26/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 2/21/2018 (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/26/2018)
02/26/2018	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 2/21/2018 (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 02/26/2018)
03/07/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jason Todd Cohen on behalf of All Defendants (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 03/07/2018)
03/08/2018	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/7/2018. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 03/08/2018)

03/09/2018	<u>11</u>	MOTION to Consolidate Cases by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 03/09/2018)
03/23/2018	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Joseph C. Dugan on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Jason Todd Cohen (Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 03/23/2018)
03/23/2018	<u>13</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Dugan, Joseph) Modified to add link on 3/26/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 03/23/2018)
03/23/2018	<u>14</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>11</u> MOTION to Consolidate Cases filed by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 03/23/2018)
03/23/2018	<u>15</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 3/23/2018. (lcrjl2) (Entered: 03/23/2018)
03/30/2018	<u>16</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>11</u> MOTION to Consolidate Cases filed by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 03/30/2018)
05/03/2018	<u>17</u>	MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT. (Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 05/03/2018)
05/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> Joint Meet and Confer Statement, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report with the Court on or before June 1, 2018. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 5/28/2018. (lcrjl2) (Entered: 05/28/2018)
05/28/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/1/2018. (jth) (Entered: 05/28/2018)
06/01/2018	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 06/01/2018)
07/20/2018	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 07/20/2018)
08/22/2018	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 08/22/2018)
09/21/2018	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 09/21/2018)
10/04/2018	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by KatieLynn Boyd Townsend (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 10/04/2018)
10/12/2018	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Joseph C. Dugan (Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 10/12/2018)
11/21/2018	<u>24</u>	Joint MOTION for Briefing Schedule by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 11/21/2018)
11/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Motion for Briefing Schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the following schedule will govern the above-captioned case: (1) defendants' motion for summary judgment shall be due on or before December 19, 2018; (2) plaintiff's cross-motion for summary judgment and response in opposition to defendants' motion, if any, shall be due on or before January 25, 2019; (3) defendants' response in opposition to plaintiff's cross-motion and reply in support of defendants' motion, if any, shall be due on or before February 15, 2019; (4) plaintiff's reply in support of its cross-motion, if any, shall be due on or before March 1, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 11/28/18. (lcrjl2) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendants' motion for summary judgment is due by 12/19/2018; Plaintiff's opposition and any cross-motion is due by 1/25/2019; Defendants' reply and any cross-opposition is due by 2/15/2019; Plaintiff's reply in support of its

		cross-motion, if any, is due by 3/1/2019. (jth) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
12/12/2018	<u>25</u>	Joint MOTION to Vacate <i>Summary Judgment Briefing Schedule and to Schedule Joint Status Report</i> by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 12/12/2018)
12/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' joint <u>25</u> Motion to Vacate the Summary Judgment Briefing Schedule and to Schedule a Further Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the summary judgment briefing schedule entered by Minute Order on November 28, 2018, is VACATED. The parties are DIRECTED to file a joint status report on or before January 18, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 12/19/2018. (lcrjl2) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
12/19/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties are directed to file a joint status report by 1/18/2019. (jth) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
01/15/2019	<u>26</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay <i>Proceedings in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of defendants' consent <u>26</u> Motion to Stay Proceedings, it is hereby ORDERED that defendants' motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that all proceedings in this matter are STAYED pending the restoration of appropriations to the Department of Justice and that, following such restoration of appropriations, the deadline for the parties' pending joint status report shall be extended by a period commensurate with the duration of the lapse in appropriations. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 1/21/2019. (lcrjl2) (Entered: 01/21/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>27</u>	NOTICE of <i>Restoration of Appropriations</i> by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re Order on Motion to Stay,, (Dugan, Joseph) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
02/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press's <u>11</u> Motion to Consolidate Cases, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a) (permitting consolidation of actions "involv[ing] a common question of law or fact"). It is further ORDERED that Case Nos. 1:15-cv-1392 and 1:18-cv-345 are consolidated for all purposes. The parties are directed to make all future filings in Case No. 1:15-cv-1392, and the Clerk is directed to administratively close Case No. 1:18-cv-345. This Order does not change the parties' due date for their next joint status report, which is currently set for February 22, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 2/11/2019. (lcrjl2) (Entered: 02/11/2019)